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1. Reorganization - Change of Management

25X1 The Corporation known by the name of "Povazske Strojarne" is to be completely
25X1 reorganized. Its individual plants will come under the control of various
25X1 other industrial corporations. This reorganization has affected also the
Banska & Hutni Spolecnost (Mining & Metallurgical Corporation). The Managing
Director Steiner has been appointed Manager of the Vitkovice Works; Bechny
has been shelved. Ing. Bohus will be appointed Managing Director of the
Trinec to Kraluv Dvur, and Ing. Subrt of Kraluv Dvur has not been given an
appointment yet.

2. Povazska Dystrica Plant - Organization

The organization of the plant has been drawn up with the cooperation of Kulis
and Valach and has been passed to the Slovak Board of Commissars (Poverenictvo)
for approval; the organization plan is not yet known at the plant. The
departure of secretary Germak has been detrimental to the position of the
Managing Director Ing. Kubik. No changes of personnel have taken place.

3. Povazska Dystrica Plant - Military Supervision

A new military control commission has been appointed for the Plant. Staff
Capt. Lehotsky was transferred to a Zbrojovka plant in Moravia and was re-
placed at the Povazska Dystrica plant by Staff Capt Lukaci, who displays a
very regimental attitude and grants admission to the Plant only with MNO
(Ministry of National Defense) authority.

4. Labor Day Celebrations (1 May)

All personnel of the plant were supposed to participate in the May Day
celebrations. Everybody was forced to attend by being issued an attendance
card which had to be punched. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the
work competition, which only increased the dissatisfaction of those who went
unregarded. Dissatisfaction with the present regime is continuously increasing,
especially among old-time Communists. The workers are beginning to get apprehen-
sive about the shortage of raw materials and they wonder what will happen if

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stocks run out. Nobody wanted to carry stands and posters, half of which were left behind at the plant. Those that were carried had to be collected from the town square where they had been dumped by the bearers. On Monday morning, these posters were found thrown about in the grass near the main factory gate with pictures of Stalin thrown on top; the workers made this an occasion for cynical remarks. The celebrations ended without acclamations and without enthusiasm. Not even the Militia, under the leadership of Rapant and Unger, applauded heartily. Only about 50 percent of the corps took part in the procession. About 20 percent of the Militia can be considered to be reliable Communists.

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